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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSNT, PINS, EI, UK

SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MASSACHUSETTS ARMS CONNECTION

REF: DUBLIN 01499

DUBLIN PASS BELFAST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM  
JUSTICE AND TREASURY. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, DANVERS,  
MASS., WAS BROKEN INTO DURING WEEKEND OF AUGUST 13, 1976,  
AND 92 M-16 RIFLES, 7 M-60 MACHINE GUNS, ONE .45 CALIBER  
PISTOL AND TWO M-203 GRENADE LAUNCHERS WERE STOLEN. NO  
AMMUNITION FOR ANY OF THE WEAPONS WAS AVAILABLE IN THE  
ARMORY, AND NO BOLTS OR FIRING PINS WERE IN THE WEAPONS  
WHEN STOLEN. (BOLTS AND PINS STORED AT DANVERS POLICE  
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DEPARTMENT.) M-60'S RECOVERED BY RUC AND GARDA WERE STOLEN  
FROM DANVERS ARMORY.

2. FBI REPORT STATES LEGAL ATTACHE, LONDON, HAS BEEN IN-  
STRUCTED IN HIS CONTACTS WITH RUC AND GARDA TO CAUTION THAT  
UK AND IRISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD BE MOST DISCREET  
IN HANDLING OR ANY REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER DUE TO PEND-

ING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM JUSTICE  
THAT SEVERAL SUSPECTS WERE CHECKED OUT AND CLEARED AND NO  
RPT NO NEW LEADS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED. INVESTIGATION

CONTINUES.

3. JUSTICE AGREES THAT, IF ENQUIRIES FROM PRESS OR OTHER  
SOURCES RECEIVED, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE MERELY THAT IT HAS  
READ PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THEFT FROM ARMORY AND UNDERSTANDS  
THAT INVESTIGATION IS IN TRAIN. YOU SHOULD NO RPT NOT  
OTHERWISE COMMENT. VANCE

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